

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resources Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III;  
Secretary, William McNamara and Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon.

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis;  
Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart, and Administrative Assistant, Debra S.  
Browne.

NRD Staff Absent: Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist,  
Bill Parsons, is excused from the meeting.

Guests: USFS Public Affairs Officer for the Huron Manistee, Kenneth Arbogast;  
James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney;

Introduction of Kenneth Arbogast, United States Forest Service Public Affairs Officer and  
presentation of the proposed White Pines Wind Farm in the Huron Manistee Forest. 6:14  
p.m. to 6:54 p.m.

6:23 p.m. LTBB Tribal Attorney, James Bransky arrives.

6:56 p.m. Kenneth Arbogast departs meeting.

6:58 p.m. LTBB Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik arrived.

Public Comment: Opened at 6: 57 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:04 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

**Motion made by Phil Harmon to adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara,  
Secretary, supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of September 24, 2008

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer, to approve the Minutes of September  
24, 2008 as amended, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

**Inland vs Great Lakes** – Discussion was held on where does the mouth of the rivers start –  
and where does the great lakes start? SSM member was fishing at the Bear River around the

mouth snagging – SSM regulations snagging is permitted – LTBB follow state regulations or obtain a subsistence license to snag fish up to 100 pounds of fish. The issue being anywhere inside the break wall the use of LTBB Hunting and fishing license could be used at the bridge, on the break wall using the hunting and fishing license instead of obtaining a subsistence license to fish at the break wall. With this understanding LTBB would like to propose that LTBB inland hunting and fishing license would be allowable on the great lakes waters – such as ice fishing on the bays. With a subsistence license members would have to file a catch report when not consistent with State regulations, such as catching a 14” fish, when the state says 15” fish is a keeper.

Update on the State Police Issues – TC Approved the Natural Resource Protection Statute at the September 5, 2008 meeting –

Discussion was held on the Licensing System for Walleye permits and notification to the State of MI with limited State access to the web site for daily reports.

Discussion was held on the Elk Permit for the early season in unit L – unfilled elk permits from the early season – elk management units will be open for the late season to fill the early season tag –

7:59 p.m. James Bransky departs meeting.

Executive Directive #10-10062008-01 and CORA Budget – due to the budget constraints occurring with LTBB, LTBB be withholding the 2<sup>nd</sup> half \$60,000 payment to CORA; Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik said that LTBB has contractual obligation and will pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> half payment as scheduled.

9:22 p.m. Frank Ettawageshik, LTBB Chairman departs meeting.

Break at 9:25 p.m.

Reconvene at 9:32 p.m.

**Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer to table the Department Reports until the next NRC regular meeting to be held on October 22, 2008; William McNamara, Secretary supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on the Elk Policy –

**Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer to amend the Elk Policy as written to include the elders provision to carry over into the late season, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstained (John Keshick III) 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on the Berg Leased Property Policy – non-tribal members can assist tribal members during State Seasons only – the privilege has been extended to reciprocal

tribes to access the property to harvest big game. Currently the immediate family member can assist the tribal member only and is not allowed to hunt on the property

**Motion made by, John Keshick III, Commissioner, to allow non-tribal hunters to hunt on the Berg Leased Property and must be accompanied by a immediate family LTBB Tribal Member, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.**

**3 Yes 1 No (Daugherty Johnson III) 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner to liquidate the Commercial Gear Disposition property on the list provided by NRD programs by sealed bids with a offer above a preset reserve bid being accepted; Daugherty Johnson III, supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on the LTBB Commercial Captain Trainer Program – to be presented at the next NRC meeting to be held on October 22, 2008.

**Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer to adopt the LTBB Small Boat Short-Term Lease Program Policy as amended and written, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer to remove the Natural Resource Protection Statute from the Old Business listing, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Public Comment: Opened at 10:35 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 10:38 p.m.

**Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer, to adjourn the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 10:40 p.m. Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner; supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on October 22, 2008.

**Approved:**

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**William McNamara, Secretary**

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**Date**